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SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING - MRS. JENSEN'S TRAVEL

1. MRS. JENSEN, PCV RICHARD STARR'S MOTHER,HAS REQUESTED
PEACE CORPS PAY HER WAY TO COLOMBIA. PEACE CORPS GENERAL
COUNSEL HAS DETERMINED PEACE CORPS HAS LEGAL AUTHORITY
THROUGH THE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND TO PAY FOR SUCH
EXPENSES. ACCORDING TO MRS. JENSEN PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO
MAKE PERSONAL APPEAL FOR SON'S RETURN, BE AVAILABLE IF
ANY CONTACT BY KIDNAPPERS IS MADE, AND IN GENERAL SATISFY
HER DESIRE TO PURSUE ALL POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION SEEKING
RETURN OF SON.

2. TASK FORCE UNDERSTANDS MRS. JENSEN'S MOTIVATION, WHICH
COULD HAVE BENEFIT OF PRECIPITATING CONTACT FROM KID-
NAPPERS. AT SAME TIME TASK FORCE RECOGNIZES POSSIBLE
NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF TRIP. THESE NEGATIVES, AS SEEN FROM
WASHINGTON, INCLUDE POTENTIAL FOR FAKE RANSOM DEMANDS
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AND OTHER FORMS OF EXTORTIAN ATTEMPTS, WHICH COULD FURTHER
COMPLICATE SITUATION INCLUDING POSSIBLE RAISING OF ANTE BY
KIDNAPPERS.

3. GIVEN ALL PROS AND CONS PEACE CORPS AND TASK FORCE
CONCLUDE FINAL DECISION MUST REST WITH MRS. JENSEN. MRS.
JENSEN HAS BEEN CALLED AND A FULL PICTURE PRESENTED TO HER.

SHE HAS DECIDED TO GO AND WE WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF DATE
AND FLIGHT ASAP.

4. PEACE CORPS HAS SET LIMITS, IN THAT MRS. JENSEN WOULD
BE ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE TRIP AT PEACE CORPS EXPENSE (A
POSITION WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE CHANGED IF CIRCUMSTANCES
DEMAND), AND THAT SHE WOULD RECEIVE PER DIEM FOR ONLY ONE
WEEK. PEACE CORPS EXPLORING OPTION OF HAVING INDIVIDUAL
ACCOMPANY MRS. JENSEN TO COLOMBIA AS POSSIBLE MEANS TO
MINIMIZE TIME-CONSUMING IMPACT ON PC/C ALREADY TAXED STAFF
RESOURCES. THIS MAY NOT, REPEAT NOT BE POSSIBLE, THOUGH
EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO FIND SUCH A SUITABLE PERSON.

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